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MEMO TO: Don Lee, Berry Jenkins, Michael Taylor, Don Bernhoft, Jay Bennett, Shannon Sweitzer, Judith Corley-Lay, Stuart Bourne, Jonathan Bivens, Jennifer Brandenburg, Brian Webb, John Couture, Dave Rankin and Dave Hurley

FROM: J. V. Barbour, P. E. *Victor*
State Project Services Engineer

SUBJECT: AGC/Roadway Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2006

The subject committee met on April 19, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Riverwood Conference Room at the Century Center with the following in attendance:

Berry Jenkins	Randy Garris	Ted Sherrod
Victor Barbour	Dave Hurley	Norma Smith
Jay Bennett	Ronnie Higgins	Michael Taylor
Jonathan Bivens	Emily McGraw	Brian Webb
Don Bernhoft	Ellis Powell	Sim Wooten

The following items were discussed:

1. PLANS ON WEBSITE

Due to new technology within the Department, Ronnie Higgins demonstrated how the plans on the website will be viewed, effective with the May 2006 letting. Each project will be broken into subfolders, such as erosion control plans, structure plans, etc. When a subfolder is opened, the pages may be viewed continuously instead of opening each page separately as the plans have been shown previously. The Industry representatives expressed their appreciation of this timesaving feature.

2. CONSTRUCTION SURVEYING

Victor told the committee that the subcommittee for construction surveying met once and determined how they would proceed with rewriting the construction surveying specification. The next meeting for the subcommittee will be scheduled before the next Roadway Subcommittee Meeting in June.

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3. BACKFILLING EROSION CONTROL DEVICES

The Industry asked for clarification of Section 1630 pay items. The specification is not being administered consistently throughout the State. Some Resident Engineers are not paying for material for filling in silt basins, if the excavated material has been used as a berm for the basin. The Industry stated that it is still a separate operation to backfill the material into the silt basin and dress it.

The Department will review Section 1630 for inconsistencies and contact the AGC of their findings.

4. EARTHWORK BALANCE ON PROJECTS

The Industry and Department agreed that it is very important to keep an earthwork balance on projects. With all the environmental and erosion concerns, coupled with permit issues, it is difficult to dispose of material off of the project.

5. PROJECT COSTS

The Industry and Department had a general discussion of project costs. Among the items were:

- Engineer's estimate for the cost of dirt
- Buffer Zones Bridging
- Moving Utilities
- Bridge Design – lowering costs
- Using crushed RAP as ABC
- Escalation of prices of materials
- Use of Foreign vs. Domestic Steel

6. OTHER BUSINESS

The Industry would like to see posted on the web, a listing of the Design Build Subcommittee Members and Design Build Subcommittee Meeting minutes.

7. Meeting Dates Update for 2006

The forthcoming meetings for the remainder of 2006 will be at 10:00 a.m. on the following dates in the Riverwood Conference Room (formerly called Project Services Large Conference Room). If you have any agenda items for the June meeting, please contact Berry Jenkins or myself.

June 28	October 18
August 16	December 20

You may want to reserve all day for the meeting in case it runs long, or there is a need to make a field trip in the afternoon.

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